

As an university professor who has DLink technology at home in Maryland, I am extremely concerned about interoperability issues. Deaf students at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, where I teach, are only allowed to have Sorenson VP 100 equipment, and consequently we cannot communicate with each other via videophone due to VP 100 and DLink incompatibility, and interconnectivity problems when I am not on campus. Not only does this hamper student-professor contact, I understand this is in violation of interstate communication and consequently am notifying the FCC. When I need to do videoconference calls on campus, if Sorenson is busy, there is no way I can try to contact other service providers to get service especially when conference calls start at exact times and Sorenson is busy or their system is down, which happens occasionally. I do not have time to sit and wait for interpreters to come on especially when my hearing colleagues can make phone calls to teleconferences and get through right away. I consider this to be a deficiency in terms of functional equivalency. Thank you for your consideration of my issues.